



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CONNOR B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

October 19, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES TIMES
& EDISON MEDIA RESEARCH
FOR 2004 GENERAL ELECTION SNAP TALLIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTE)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and Instruct Chairman to sign agreements with Los Angeles Times and Edison Media Research for the County to conduct snap tally services in 31 of the 4,602 precincts throughout the County in the November 2, 2004 General Election.
2. All costs associated with these procedures will be reimbursed by Los Angeles Times and Edison Media Research.

Purpose of Recommended Action:

For many years, Los Angeles County has made snap tally services available to the news media to enable them to establish voting trends in certain election contests.

Justification:

Snap tallies are specifically authorized by Elections Code sections 14440-14443.

Fiscal Impact:

Los Angeles Times and Edison Media Research will pay all costs associated with the snap tally process.

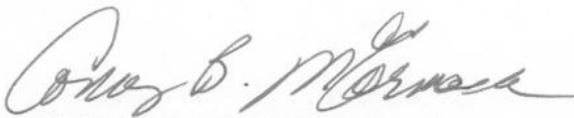
Financing:

(Not applicable)

Facts And Provisions/Legal Requirements:

Snap tallies do not interfere with the conduct of the election. Snap tallies will take place after all of the polls have closed and will not in any way delay the County's tally of election results. As your Board has been concerned in the past with early release of exit polling results, I have attached a statement from Los Angeles Times and Edison Media Research reaffirming their policy of not releasing such results until all of the polls in the State of California have closed.

Respectfully submitted,



CONNIE B. McCORMACK
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Attachment (2)

- c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

September 3, 2004

To the Board of Supervisors:

The Los Angeles Times Poll undertakes to make a firm commitment to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles for the counting of ballots for the following contests and propositions:

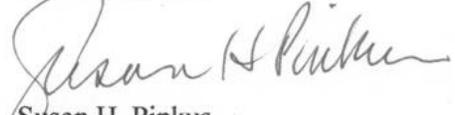
General Election for President	Total votes cast for each candidate
General Election for U.S. Senator	Total votes cast for each candidate
Proposition 68 - Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion	Yes and No votes
Proposition 70 - Tribal Gaming Compacts	Yes and No votes
Proposition 71 - Stem Cell Research	Yes and No votes
Proposition 72 - Health Care Coverage Requirements	Yes and No votes

The ballot counts will be provided for each of the following 13 precincts on the night of the General Election, November 2, 2004:

0350005A	6100034B
3850059A	7700020C
3850079A	9000544A
4800008A	9001476A
5250150A	9002329A
5750001A	9006380A
5850018A	

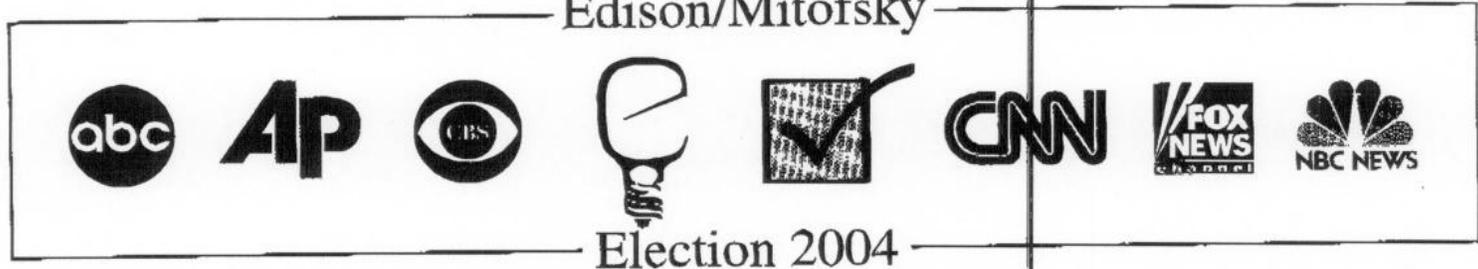
The Los Angeles Times Poll undertakes not to release or make any projections as to the winner of any race prior to poll closing time.

Sincerely yours,



Susan H. Pinkus
Times Poll Director

Edison/Mitofsky



August 30, 2004

Board of Supervisors
 Office of LA County Registrar of Voters
 12400 East Imperial Highway
 Norwalk, CA 90650

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Edison Media Research would like to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles for the counting of ballots and the release of precinct by precinct data for the following contests:

- 1 (President) Kerry (D) Bush (R) Nader (if on the ballot although I believe he will not be)
- 2 (US Senate) Boxer (D) Jones(R)

The ballot counts will be provided for each of the following 18 precincts on the night of the General Election, November 2, 2004:

0950155A	1800020B
2020016A	2630199A
2700106A	3450019A
3850316A	4450029A
4800047A	5050006A
5230038A	5550038B
9000257A	9001459A
9001653A	9002322A
9003683A	9005373A

It is the policy of Edison/Mitofsky and the National Election Pool to not release vote data or project winners of any race prior to poll closing time.

Sincerely,

Rob Farbman
 Senior Vice President
 Edison Media Research

SNAP TALLY AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2004, by and between the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY) and Los Angeles Times, hereinafter referred to as TIMES.

WHEREAS

- A. The results of the November 2 General Election for candidates for President (total votes cast for each candidate), U.S. Senator (total votes cast for each candidate), and Propositions 68, 70, 71 and 72 (yes and no votes) are of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of the County of Los Angeles; and
- B. TIMES has the capability for prompt dissemination of election returns to the public; and
- C. COUNTY desires the prompt public dissemination of such information; and
- D. TIMES desires to disseminate such information at the earliest lawful and possible time on November 2, 2004, and is willing to assist financially in conducting an unofficial count of ballots in certain selected precincts for that purpose; and

- E. Chapter 4 of Article 4 (Sections 14440-14443) of the California Elections Code permits such a count;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. COUNTY agrees to conduct an unofficial count of the election ballots cast for President (total votes cast for each candidate), U.S. Senator (total votes cast for each candidate), and Propositions 68, 70, 71 and 72 (yes and no votes) in each of specified precincts in COUNTY'S territory promptly upon the completion, in each respective polling place, of the balloting.
2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in full is a list of precincts selected, totaling 13.
3. The precinct board of each designated precinct shall consist of not more than six members, each of whom shall be informed by COUNTY to conduct said unofficial count in their precinct and make the results of the count available to TIMES.
4. Each of the precinct board members shall receive from the COUNTY, in addition to the regular compensation of a member of a precinct board of the County of Los Angeles, further compensation in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the additional training and services required pursuant to this agreement.

5. Upon completing the unofficial ballot count, the inspector of a designated precinct shall promptly do or cause to be done in any reasonable sequence, each of the following:
 - a) Announce the results of the count to the designated representative of TIMES who is then present at the polling place.
 - b) Post the results of the count, written on a form furnished by COUNTY for that purpose, at the door of the polling place.
 - c) Return to COUNTY, when election supplies are checked in, a copy of the results of the count on a form furnished by COUNTY.

6. In consideration of COUNTY'S services as set forth in this agreement, TIMES shall pay to COUNTY the cost of COUNTY'S services. For the purposes of this agreement, the actual cost of the COUNTY'S services shall be computed by COUNTY; the maximum liability of TIMES under this agreement shall not exceed \$4,000.

7. No employee or representative of TIMES shall interfere in any way with the unofficial ballot count or any of the official election activities of COUNTY.

8. TIMES agrees to abide by Section 15152 of the California Elections Code that forbids the release of any vote count if the polls in any count in California are required to remain open beyond 8 p.m. Such vote results will not be released unless and until all polls are officially closed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and Los Angeles Times has respectively caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its respective behalf by the duly authorized officer, on the date first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer –
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____

LOS ANGELES TIMES

By *Susan H. Pinkus*
Title *Director, L.A. Times Poll.*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

By *Judy W. Whitehurst*
Judy W. Whitehurst
Senior Deputy County Counsel

ATTACHMENT

LOS ANGELES TIMES SNAP TALLY PRECINCTS

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Count President (total votes cast for each
 candidate)
 U.S. Senator (total votes cast for each
 candidate)
 Propositions 68, 70, 71 and 72 (yes and
 no votes)

PRECINCT

CITY/TOWN

1. 0350005A	Arcadia
2. 3850059A	Long Beach
3. 3850079A	Long Beach
4. 4800008A	Norwalk
5. 5250150A	Pomona
6. 5750001A	Rosemead
7. 5850018A	Rowland Heights
8. 6100034B	San Gabriel
9. 7700020C	West Covina
10.9000544A	Los Angeles
11.9001476A	Los Angeles
12.9002329A	Los Angeles
13.9006380A	Los Angeles

SNAP TALLY AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2004, by and between the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY) and Edison Media Research, hereinafter referred to as EDISON.

WHEREAS

- A. The results of the November 2 General Election for candidates for the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates (total votes cast for each candidate), and the Democratic and Republican U.S. Senator (total votes cast for each candidate) are of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of the County of Los Angeles; and
- B. EDISON has the capability for prompt dissemination of election returns to the public; and
- C. COUNTY desires the prompt public dissemination of such information; and
- D. EDISON desires to disseminate such information at the earliest lawful and possible time on November 2, 2004, and is willing to assist financially in conducting an unofficial count of ballots in certain selected precincts for that purpose; and

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3. The precinct board of each designated precinct shall consist of not more than six members, each of whom shall be informed by COUNTY to conduct said unofficial count in their precinct and make the results of the count available to EDISON.
4. Each of the precinct board members shall receive from the COUNTY, in addition to the regular compensation of a member of a precinct board of the County of Los Angeles, further compensation in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the additional training and services required pursuant to this agreement.

5. Upon completing the unofficial ballot count, the inspector of a designated precinct shall promptly do or cause to be done in any reasonable sequence, each of the following:
 - a) Announce the results of the count to the designated representative of EDISON who is then present at the polling place.
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6. In consideration of COUNTY'S services as set forth in this agreement, EDISON shall pay to COUNTY the cost of COUNTY'S services. For the purposes of this agreement, the actual cost of the COUNTY'S services shall be computed by COUNTY; the maximum liability of EDISON under this agreement shall not exceed \$5,000.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer –
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

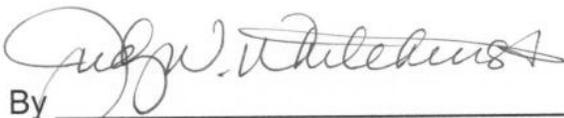
By _____

EDISON MEDIA RESERACH

By 

Title SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL


By _____
Judy W. Whitehurst
Senior Deputy County Counsel

